

Table 6.--ILLITERACY OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY COLOR AND SEX, BY AGE, RESIDENCE, AND REGION, FOR THE UNITED STATES:
CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION, MARCH 1959

(Information on illiteracy was obtained only for persons completing less than 6 years of school; all persons completing 6 years of school or more were classified as literate)

| Area, age, and color | Both sexes | | | Male | | | Female | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------|---------|------------------|------------|---------|------------------|------------|---------|
| | Total population | Illiterate | | Total population | Illiterate | | Total population | Illiterate | |
| | | Number | Percent | | Number | Percent | | Number | Percent |
| ALL CLASSES | | | | | | | | | |
| Total, 14 years and over..... | 121,373,000 | 2,619,000 | 2.2 | 58,378,000 | 1,480,000 | 2.5 | 62,995,000 | 1,139,000 | 1.8 |
| 14 to 24 years..... | 25,118,000 | 144,000 | 0.6 | 12,063,000 | 100,000 | 0.8 | 13,055,000 | 44,000 | 0.3 |
| 25 to 34 years..... | 22,700,000 | 252,000 | 1.1 | 11,070,000 | 149,000 | 1.3 | 11,630,000 | 103,000 | 0.9 |
| 35 to 44 years..... | 23,443,000 | 323,000 | 1.4 | 11,416,000 | 214,000 | 1.9 | 12,027,000 | 109,000 | 0.9 |
| 45 to 54 years..... | 20,135,000 | 442,000 | 2.2 | 9,827,000 | 283,000 | 2.9 | 10,308,000 | 159,000 | 1.5 |
| 55 to 64 years..... | 15,070,000 | 487,000 | 3.2 | 7,232,000 | 265,000 | 3.7 | 7,838,000 | 222,000 | 2.8 |
| 65 years and over..... | 14,907,000 | 971,000 | 6.5 | 6,770,000 | 469,000 | 6.9 | 8,137,000 | 502,000 | 6.2 |
| Urban..... | 75,599,000 | 1,295,000 | 1.7 | 35,480,000 | 629,000 | 1.8 | 40,119,000 | 666,000 | 1.7 |
| Rural nonfarm..... | 31,215,000 | 697,000 | 2.2 | 15,306,000 | 426,000 | 2.8 | 15,909,000 | 271,000 | 1.7 |
| Rural farm..... | 14,559,000 | 627,000 | 4.3 | 7,592,000 | 425,000 | 5.6 | 6,967,000 | 202,000 | 2.9 |
| Northeast..... | 32,649,000 | 477,000 | 1.5 | 15,574,000 | 200,000 | 1.3 | 17,075,000 | 277,000 | 1.6 |
| North Central..... | 34,486,000 | 334,000 | 1.0 | 16,741,000 | 196,000 | 1.2 | 17,745,000 | 138,000 | 0.8 |
| South..... | 36,175,000 | 1,565,000 | 4.3 | 17,263,000 | 950,000 | 5.5 | 18,912,000 | 615,000 | 3.3 |
| West..... | 18,063,000 | 243,000 | 1.3 | 8,800,000 | 134,000 | 1.5 | 9,263,000 | 109,000 | 1.2 |
| WHITE | | | | | | | | | |
| Total, 14 years and over..... | 109,163,000 | 1,709,000 | 1.6 | 52,619,000 | 918,000 | 1.7 | 56,544,000 | 791,000 | 1.4 |
| 14 to 24 years..... | 21,997,000 | 106,000 | 0.5 | 10,568,000 | 74,000 | 0.7 | 11,429,000 | 32,000 | 0.3 |
| 25 to 34 years..... | 20,166,000 | 146,000 | 0.7 | 9,902,000 | 89,000 | 0.9 | 10,264,000 | 57,000 | 0.6 |
| 35 to 44 years..... | 21,126,000 | 182,000 | 0.9 | 10,344,000 | 116,000 | 1.1 | 10,782,000 | 66,000 | 0.6 |
| 45 to 54 years..... | 18,194,000 | 244,000 | 1.3 | 8,903,000 | 144,000 | 1.6 | 9,291,000 | 100,000 | 1.1 |
| 55 to 64 years..... | 13,804,000 | 323,000 | 2.3 | 6,619,000 | 164,000 | 2.5 | 7,185,000 | 159,000 | 2.2 |
| 65 years and over..... | 13,876,000 | 708,000 | 5.1 | 6,283,000 | 331,000 | 5.3 | 7,593,000 | 377,000 | 5.0 |
| Urban..... | 67,242,000 | 881,000 | 1.3 | 31,649,000 | 388,000 | 1.2 | 35,593,000 | 493,000 | 1.4 |
| Rural nonfarm..... | 29,252,000 | 472,000 | 1.6 | 14,364,000 | 291,000 | 2.0 | 14,888,000 | 181,000 | 1.2 |
| Rural farm..... | 12,669,000 | 356,000 | 2.8 | 6,606,000 | 239,000 | 3.6 | 6,063,000 | 117,000 | 1.9 |
| Northeast..... | 30,739,000 | 446,000 | 1.5 | 14,711,000 | 185,000 | 1.3 | 16,028,000 | 261,000 | 1.6 |
| North Central..... | 32,240,000 | 259,000 | 0.8 | 15,688,000 | 157,000 | 1.0 | 16,552,000 | 102,000 | 0.6 |
| South..... | 29,275,000 | 805,000 | 2.7 | 14,016,000 | 474,000 | 3.4 | 15,259,000 | 331,000 | 2.2 |
| West..... | 16,909,000 | 199,000 | 1.2 | 8,204,000 | 102,000 | 1.2 | 8,705,000 | 97,000 | 1.1 |
| NONWHITE | | | | | | | | | |
| Total, 14 years and over..... | 12,210,000 | 910,000 | 7.5 | 5,759,000 | 562,000 | 9.8 | 6,451,000 | 348,000 | 5.4 |
| 14 to 24 years..... | 3,121,000 | 38,000 | 1.2 | 1,495,000 | 26,000 | 1.7 | 1,626,000 | 12,000 | 0.7 |
| 25 to 34 years..... | 2,534,000 | 106,000 | 4.2 | 1,168,000 | 60,000 | 5.1 | 1,366,000 | 46,000 | 3.4 |
| 35 to 44 years..... | 2,317,000 | 141,000 | 6.1 | 1,072,000 | 98,000 | 9.1 | 1,245,000 | 43,000 | 3.5 |
| 45 to 54 years..... | 1,941,000 | 198,000 | 10.2 | 924,000 | 139,000 | 15.0 | 1,017,000 | 59,000 | 5.8 |
| 55 to 64 years..... | 1,266,000 | 164,000 | 13.0 | 613,000 | 101,000 | 16.5 | 653,000 | 63,000 | 9.6 |
| 65 years and over..... | 1,031,000 | 263,000 | 25.5 | 487,000 | 138,000 | 28.3 | 544,000 | 125,000 | 23.0 |
| Urban..... | 8,357,000 | 414,000 | 5.0 | 3,831,000 | 241,000 | 6.3 | 4,526,000 | 173,000 | 3.8 |
| Rural nonfarm..... | 1,963,000 | 225,000 | 11.5 | 942,000 | 135,000 | 14.3 | 1,021,000 | 90,000 | 8.8 |
| Rural farm..... | 1,890,000 | 271,000 | 14.3 | 986,000 | 186,000 | 18.9 | 904,000 | 85,000 | 9.4 |
| Northeast..... | 1,910,000 | 31,000 | 1.6 | 863,000 | 15,000 | 1.7 | 1,047,000 | 16,000 | 1.5 |
| North Central..... | 2,246,000 | 75,000 | 3.3 | 1,053,000 | 39,000 | 3.7 | 1,193,000 | 36,000 | 3.0 |
| South..... | 6,900,000 | 760,000 | 11.0 | 3,247,000 | 476,000 | 14.7 | 3,653,000 | 284,000 | 7.8 |
| West..... | 1,154,000 | 44,000 | 3.8 | 596,000 | 32,000 | 5.4 | 558,000 | 12,000 | 2.2 |